

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
PUBLIC SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Councilmember Porter called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene W. Grant, Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell, Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gloria L. Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (Excused)

Staff: Robert L. Ashton, City Treasurer, Weyimi Ayu, Director of Economic Development, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Devan Martin, Chief of Police, Jeannelle Wallace, City Administrator

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Bishop Flowers

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve the Public Session agenda. The motion carried and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Council.

1.1.5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve the Regular Work Session Minutes meeting minutes for Monday, May 1, 2017. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the Public Session meeting minutes for Monday, May 8, 2017. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Monday, May 15, 2017. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember McCarthy to approve the Constant Yield Hearing meeting minutes for Tuesday, May 30, 2017. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. Special Presentation by Mayor Eugene W. Grant

- Mayor Grant stated that the City of Seat Pleasant has come a long way since May 8, 2016.
- The City of Seat Pleasant was awarded on August 8, 2016 a 4.1 Million Loan to renovate the City Hall and the Public Works Facility from USDA.
- As of June 12, 2017, the plans and specification for the project was reviewed and approved the architect specifications and we are now ready to proceed to moved forward
- Mr. Ayu stated that the next step is to meet with the Project Manager on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 2:00p.m.
- We are ready to go through the bidding process and meeting with USDA Construction Team, Pepco and other vendors to get the process going.

3. LEGISLATION

3.1. Resolution R-17-12 Approval of Community Legacy Application and Receipt of Funding. Resolution R-17-12 was introduced and read by the City Clerk on June 12, 2017. It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve Resolution R-17-12 Approval of Community Legacy Application and Receipt of Funding. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council

3.2. Resolution R-17-13 Approval of Strategic Demolition Fund Application and Receipt of Funding. Resolution R-17-13 was introduced and read by the City Clerk on June 12, 2017. It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve

Resolution R-17-13 Approval of Community Legacy Application and Receipt of Funding.

3.3. Ordinance O-17-21 Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Amendment for the City's Telephone Bill and the Representatives to attend MML Conference. Ordinance O-17-21 was introduced on Monday, June 12, 2017 by the City Council and read by the City Clerk.

4. REPORTS:

4.1. Council President Report

- Council President Yeargin stated that the report for the month of May has been included in the paperless agenda packet.

4.2. Mayor Eugene W. Grant

- Mayor Grant stated that the City has signed the agreement with IBM and we are under construction for the IOC. The City has incorporated a Smart Buy Program and the city will be mirroring the Smart Buy Program after their program. The City's targeted goal is to do two homes. We have 142 vacant properties in the city and we are trying to get them added back to our tax roll. It's unfair to the neighbors to live next door to unsightly properties.
- The City will be adding the bid process on the website next week for the residents to see or recommend a company.
- Mr. Ayu stated that we have a preferred bid list, which requires the company to live in Seat Pleasant.
- The business must be licensed with insurance
- We need residents to be willing to get the opinions of the residents to the Department of Public Engagement.
- Mayor Grant stated that the City Council did not raise any taxes on the residents. We raised the taxes on the businesses. We created a Special Taxing District on Eastern Avenue and Martin Luther King, Highway.
- The tax resources for the police department is going along Martin Luther King, Jr. Hwy. The police department is spending \$35,000 is police services for the year and we are receiving \$9,000 in taxes from the businesses.
- Mayor Grant stated that he is proposing in 2018 for a tax deferred for every resident that resided in the city for 40 years. It will need to be approved and we will be asking the State Department to work with us by mirroring our program.

- The property values have increased in the City. Homes have sold for as much as \$300,000.

4.3. City Administrator Report:

- Mrs. Wallace stated that the City is moving towards finalizing the installation of the new phones with Comcast Business Voice Edge. The phone equipment is expected to be delivered on June 20, 2017.
- We have had some personnel changes within the administration: The new grants writer is Kyrthlyn Rhoda, Angela Payton is the new Administrative Assistant in the Public Engagement Department and Mr. Jeremy Ross is the new Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Purchase of the Blazers and Embroidery for the Elected Official and Key Staff Members.

- Councilmember Porter stated that the blazers are representation of the City.
- The approval to purchase the blazers died for lack of a motion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. July Regular Work Session Meeting Date

- It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Sistrunk to combine the Regular Work Session and the Public Session for Monday, July 10, 2017. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

6.2. Approval of Cooperation Agreement with Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Sistrunk to allow the Mayor and the City Administrator to execute the agreement,

7 CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Ms. Arelis Hollis, stated that she has a concern with people blocking the intersection to enter or leave from 69th Street and she understands that the Fire Department is being blocked. She was happy to hear the Mayor proposed a potential tax break. She wanted to know if the Speed Camera could be moved to catch the offenders.

- Katrina Robinson stated the agenda approval process before the residents get to see it. She provided the written response from SHA, she enjoyed the Prayer Breakfast and they should consider having Bishop Flowers attend. She's concerned about the dog feces not being picked up. She wanted to know if the bus will transport the residents to the Seat Pleasant Police Department Awards Banquet.
- Carla Hart stated that she has a problem with her neighbor not cleaning up the debris from his yard. She had a rodent come into her home due to the residents not taking care of the properties. She has received the letter and she's been picking-up her dog waste.
- Mayor Grant stated that the City does not have a Code Enforcement Officer on staff currently. We will have someone on board at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Mayor Grant stated that we are working on recommendations to the Council to revise the code.
- Garry Anthony Jones stated the speed camera on Addison Rd has been removed. The recycle was combined with the regular trash last week. What's the status of the Fire Department remaining in the City. Does the City have a City Administrator on board?
- Anika Gzifa inquired on the status of the trash cans for the city. She was excited to hear about the Housing Trust and Revolving Loan Fund. She wanted to know where she can gather the additional information on the program. They school PTA had held a fund raiser and the businesses within the City made contribution. Seat Pleasant Police Department attended the dance for the children. Mayor Grant requested that Mrs. Gzifa to write a letter for the newsletter.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1. Regular Work Session, TENTATIVE Monday, July 3, 2017, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**
- 8.2. Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, July 10, 2017, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD at 9:30a.m.**
- 8.3. Public Session, Monday, July 10, 2017, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**
- 8.4. S.M.A.R.T. Team Update Meeting, Tuesday, July 11, 2017, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:30p.m.**
- 8.5. S.M.A.R.T. Team Update Meeting, Wednesday, July 12, 2017, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:30p.m.**

9. ADJOURN-

The meeting adjourned at 8:50p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC

City Clerk

APPROVED 07/10/17